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PRESIDENT PRAISES JERSEY CANDIDATES

President Wilson today endorsed the candidacies of George M. La Monte and Charles O'C. Hennessy, seeking election to the United States Senate from New Jersey.

In a letter to the former, the President says: "The people of New Jersey would be served by both of you in the highest way in the councils of the nation." He also expresses gratification that both have pledged themselves to the support of the equal suffrage amendment.

The President's letter follows: "My dear Mr. La Monte: 'I have read with great appreciation the statement which you and Mr. Hennessy have put before the voters

of New Jersey, and I feel like adding my own appeal to them to send both you and Mr. Hennessy to the United States Senate. I particularly crave for the support of New Jersey, whose people I deem it an honor to have served and whose interests I have so long had at heart, and I know how generously and truly both you and Mr. Hennessy stand for the things I believe in, and that I believe that the people of New Jersey believe in. 'These are times when it is particularly necessary that men who lift affairs to a new plane of action and humane achievement should stand together and see to it that in all public councils they are adequately and truly represented. I have had an occasion to test your qualities and Mr. Hennessy's, and, therefore, I speak with confidence when I say that the people of New Jersey would be served by both of you in the highest way in the councils of the nation. 'May I not add my gratification that both you and Mr. Hennessy have pledged yourselves to the support of the suffrage amendment? 'Cordially and faithfully yours, 'WOODROW WILSON."

U. S. NAVY MINES BOTTLE U-BOATS

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A SCOTTISH PORT, Oct. 23.—The American navy virtually has completed the bottling up of U-boats in the North Sea by laying of a mine barrage which extends from the coast of Scotland to Norway. The barrage is 250 miles long and consists of thousands of mines of the latest type loaded with T. N. T. They are so closely laid that a rowboat scarcely could penetrate the barrage. The entire mine field is controlled by a very simple device. The work was carried out under the nose of the German high seas fleet and German seaplanes. But the Heines did not fire a shot to hamper the workers.

The feat was accomplished by the American navy with mines transported and assembled by Americans. The British navy aided materially in the work, but the bulk was done by Americans with American warships patrolling nearby waters.

Only One Exit Left.
The only exit from the North sea now open to the Germans is the tortuous lane through the English Channel, which is beset with difficulties of the gravest kind.

The imagination can picture the American mine barrage through a conception of gigantic salmon spawn. Seven thousand men, working day and night accomplished the feat. Steamers assisting in the work were former American coasting vessels, Fall River liners, Southern navigation liners, etc., which were formerly devoted to carrying pleasure parties. The work was very hazardous on account of high seas in the area, and at times the ships were not visible to each other at 500 yards. In the darkness they ran the risk of colliding, which would have caused terrific explosions.

Work Begun in June.
The mines were lowered from these vessels very much in the same manner as depth charges are lowered from American destroyers. The work started in June. The men showed remarkable facility, often in six hours laying the same number of mines six weeks formerly would have been required. In one operation alone 7,000 thousand mines were placed. There have been a few premature explosions, but Americans will keep the supply of mines up to full requirements.

PROPAGANDA BEARS FRUIT IN AUSTRIA

Long-range bombardment of Austria by allied propagandists is bearing fruit.

Diplomats here who have held that ideas are as effective as bullets in wrecking the dual monarchy declare that revolutionary activity of Slavic representatives in Washington, London, and Paris is "getting over."

Shattering of the home front in Austria is the object of this campaign. It is being carefully timed with an impending military offensive against the southern Slavic provinces of Austria by the allied expedition working northward in Serbia and Montenegro. This propaganda offensive, conducted largely by the Committee on Public Information, in conjunction with the military attack, will wreck the empire of the Hapsburg beyond repair, diplomats say. Speedy elimination of Austria from the war is inevitable, they declare.

Expected Revolt.
Spectacular appeals urging the subject Slavs of Austria to revolt are to be made shortly.

President Wilson's statement that these peoples are henceforth to be judges of what action on the part of Austria will satisfy their aspirations was taken as indicating that a declaration would be forthcoming shortly which would be a definite outline of the steps demanded.

The recent Czechoslovak declaration of independence is to be followed by similar moves of Jugoslavs and others. Anti-Hapsburg feeling will be stirred into open revolt if the plan succeeds.

Make Concessions.
Desperate efforts to head off this attack are being made by Emperor Charles. Supplementing his recent promises of autonomy for all subject races of his empire, proclamations have been issued at Prague, the Bohemian capital, pleading with the Czechs there not to revolt and begging them to be patient until constitutional "reforms" can be effected. Warnings against demonstrations are being issued—the authorities fearing that once these make headway unrest will break into open revolt. Hopes of an early peace are held out to pacify disturbers encouraged by the recent Czechoslovak declaration of independence.

Representatives of subject nationalities here are ignoring Austrian promises of reforms. Encouraged by President Wilson's answer to the Austrian peace bid, they are ready to go farther with their campaign against Austria and demand complete independence.

MUST REDEEM PLEDGES

Washingtonians are being reminded that the war savings pledges made in connection with the June drive are solemn obligations or "promises to pay" made to the Government, and that there now remains little more than two months in which to redeem these pledges. In addition to the fact that the redemption of the pledge is a matter of honor, it is pointed out that a certain portion of the Government's financial program in connection with war measures depends upon the receipt of all promised funds from this source. As all matters of this character must be closed before December 31 of the present year, active steps are being taken to reach such individuals personally and impress upon them the necessity for prompt action.

FRANCE HONORS GIBBONS

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—Cardinal Gibbons has announced his acceptance of the distinction conferred upon him by the French government in making him a grand officer of the Legion of Honor. The cardinal spoke of his love and admiration for the French people in a communication to the French ambassador, and declared that without their timely aid "our glorious country could never have been a nation."

Ambassador Jusserand, in his letter notifying the cardinal of the purpose of his government, said that the decoration was bestowed as an evidence of the great esteem in which he was held by the French people.

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